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1. Work on the construction of the large hydroelectric project on the Neretva River in the Jablanica-Rama area is reported to be progressing very slowly because of the inefficiency and inexperience of the Yugoslav engineers in charge of the work and the general lack of technical knowledge.
2. In June 1950, work on the main dam, which is being built just below the junction of the Neretva River and its tributary the Rama, had not progressed beyond the stage of preliminary work on the river bed. Work on the consolidation of the rock in the dam area will not be started until August 1950, and will be carried out with the aid of French engineers. It is estimated that the dam will not be completed for at least two years.
3. The turbines and other main items of equipment for the plant are to be obtained from abroad as Yugoslav factories are incapable of producing machinery of the size required. Although the orders for equipment have not been placed, bids have been received from various firms in the United States, Germany, Sweden and other countries and are being examined by the Committee for Electro-Economy of the Yugoslav Government.
4. Because of the many financial and technical difficulties which are impeding the progress of construction of the Jablanica plant, it is not believed that the plant will be in operation for four or five years.

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